

REMARKS

On December 3, 2003, the Patent Office mailed a Response to Request for Corrected Filing Receipt ("Response"), a copy of which is attached hereto. According to the Response, the continuity claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 could not be added to the Filing Receipt without the Applicants supplying the status/relationship of U.S. application serial number 09/390,069. Although the records of the Patent Office clearly indicate that U.S. patent application serial number 09/470,559 is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application serial number 09/390,069, the Applicants have amended the current application to better clarify the priority data.


Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to acknowledge Applicants' claim for domestic priority as set forth above. Additionally, Applicants respectfully request the Patent Office to issue a Corrected Filing Receipt.

If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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